

15. A stabilizer athletic shoe as in claim 13 wherein said external lateral foot stabilizer is from about $\frac{1}{8}$ inch to about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch thick, with the thickness increasing from said medial part to said lateral part of said forefoot portion.

16. A stabilizer athletic shoe as in claim 12 wherein said bottom forefoot wedge member and said lateral foot stabilizer partly overlap one another.

17. A stabilizer athletic shoe as in claim 13 wherein said bottom forefoot wedge member and said lateral foot stabilizer partly overlap one another.

18. A stabilizer athletic shoe as in claim 14 wherein said bottom forefoot wedge member and said lateral foot stabilizer partly overlap one another.

19. A stabilizer athletic shoe as in claim 15 wherein said bottom forefoot wedge member and said lateral foot stabilizer partly overlap one another.

REMARKS

First, applicants' attorney wishes to acknowledge with thanks the courteous interview accorded him on November 16, 2001. During the interview, applicants' attorney indicated that the specification will be amended in order to comply with the Examiner's requirement. Accordingly, the specification has been amended in a manner which overcomes the Examiner's objections, consistent with what is shown in the drawings, without introducing new matter.

The claims of the application were also discussed in view of the prior art of record and, it was concluded, as set forth in the "Interview Summary" that amendment of the claims as discussed at the interview overcomes the current rejection. Accordingly, the claims have now been amended by canceling the present claims and adding new claims, i.e., claims 12-19. The added claims

emphasize the features of the shoe which distinguish this shoe from the shoes disclosed in the prior art, particularly with respect to the following features:

1. the provision of external lateral foot stabilizer and a bottom forefoot wedge which can partly overlap each other, and
2. the provision of a lateral heel stabilizer and a medial heel wedge.

None of the cited prior art disclose or suggest the provision of these features in an athletic shoe.

It is requested that requirement, if any, relating to amendment of the drawings be held in abeyance pending allowance of the application.

It is believed that no additional fee is required for the additional claims presented herein since the total number of independent claims filed originally and by subsequent amendments does not exceed three (3) and the total number of claims presented for consideration is less than twenty (20).

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, a favorable action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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